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Investigating SIRIP complaint, Iraqi Consul Mohammed Dosky visited Iraqi pilot station Al Wasaliyeh opposite Abadan January 30. While there he met for first time Ahmad Asaad, Assistant Port Officer, Basra Port Authority. During discussion Khosrowabad issue, Dosky told Asaad of conversation Dosky and I had year ago during which I said difficult understand Iraqi reasons prohibit reopening port Khosrowabad. According Dosky, Asaad suggested I, with Dosky, Asaad and Iraqi pilot make quiet, unofficial, unpublicized trip down river past Khosrowabad on board a cargo ship during which Asaad would explain Iraqi concern re use Khosrowabad.

Replied would be most interested do so and appreciated friendly gesture but feared could not accept due (1) most specific instructions take no part in Shatt dispute, (2) fact that according Iraqi interpretation 1937 Treaty, as explained by Dosky, my consular jurisdiction on Shatt included only river within thalwegs off Abadan and Khorramshahr and consequently proposed trip would take me into Basra consular district which I could not enter without prior authorization Embassies Tehran, Baghdad and approval Consulate Basra. When Dosky persisted, said I would refer matter to Embassy Tehran.

Comment: Unless instructed to contrary by Embassy telegram, will tell Dosky, if he again raises proposal, that permission denied.

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